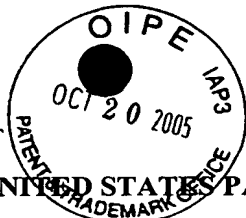


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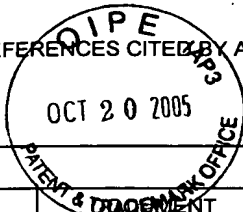
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References AO-AT are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted here with.

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--This document describes how to distribute proceeds among a contents provider and related companies.

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--This document describes how to distribute proceeds among a contents provider and related companies.

JP 2001-5877

--The document describes a contents distribution system wherein a contents provider and a contents distributor sets the system of a charger to enter the amounts they want. The system of the charger determines a selling amount in accordance with the entered amounts and distributes proceeds among the contents provider and the contents distributor.

JP 2002-41993

--This document describes a technology for recording prices and shop information in a charge settling server when the user requests that the system of a key manager provide a decoding key.

JP 2002-229960

--When contents are copied among user terminals that uses them, information representing a contents distribution path is recorded. In accordance with the recorded information, keys are issued and charging is performed.

JP 9-73480

--The document describes a system that changes a contents selling price in accordance with the time in which the contents are sold.